



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## Prospectus 2021



# Welcome to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Our school motto is: 'Learning and Laughing Together in the Light of God's Love'

We live out our school motto every day and start each day with positivity and an eagerness to learn. We grow in God's love and live out the Gospel values.

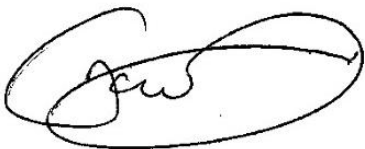
There is much to celebrate at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Our school is a welcoming, happy school where people are helpful, considerate and respectful of each other. The children are enthusiastic and enjoy learning. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of staff who strive to ensure that every child is successful, confident and responsible. That every child is equipped with all the skills they need to make a positive contribution to the local and global community.

We work in partnership with parents and carers and value the support and contribution they make to school life. The school enjoys a close partnership with St Joseph's Church and we welcome Fr Tony as a regular visitor to our school.

The strong partnerships that exist enable us to provide a happy, caring, engaging and effective learning environment. We foster high expectations and maintain good standards of achievement. We continue to carefully design our curriculum to develop and deepen thinking, independent learning, creativity and spirituality. We encourage our children to be confident and provide a wealth of opportunities for children to be excited about learning and challenged to achieve their very best.

We hope that you enjoy looking at how special our school is. We are always happy to show people around and warmly welcome visitors to our school.

We look forward to meeting you.

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Tamsyn Lawlor - Headteacher

## Our School Mission Statement and Motto



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is

A calm, holy place where we pray, think and celebrate God's world.

Where we can share a true love of learning through our creative and inclusive curriculum.

Where we celebrate and nurture the gifts and talents of every person as uniquely created in the image of God.

A supportive community where home, school and church work together.

***Learning and laughing together in the light of God's love.***

## Aims and Values

- To follow the principles of our Catholic Faith in order to prepare the children to become positive and caring members of our society with a moral responsibility towards each other.
- To encourage an awareness of God's presence in each other.
- To help each individual acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for the next stage of education.
- To provide a structured and well balanced curriculum which will enable all pupils to progress within their ability range and strive to enable them to reach their full potential.
- To develop a calm atmosphere, in which children feel motivated and trusted to take risks, demonstrate individual responsibility, enjoy the challenge of learning, and develop a resilience to setbacks in order to reach a goal.
- To foster home, school and parish links.

Mutual respect, courtesy and good discipline are expected in all areas of school life. Good behaviour is positively reinforced. St Joseph's fosters a positive attitude through praises, awards and commendations. An awards assembly is held every Friday, where the whole school comes together and celebrates the achievements of individuals (both inside and outside of school) and we award the *house team* with the most house points for the week.

St Joseph's School takes seriously our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. We make every effort to provide an environment in which children and adults feel safe, secure, valued and respected, and feel confident to talk if they are worried, believing they will be effectively listened to.

We are very proud to have been awarded the Gold Anti-Bullying Charter Mark. This Gold award represents the schools commitment to empowering pupils, parents and staff in the area of Anti-Bullying.





## Religious Life at St Joseph's

St Joseph's is a voluntary aided Catholic school where Christian ethics permeate the whole curriculum. All children who attend St Joseph's School participate in the religious life of the school. Every age group follows a published religious scheme called "Come and See", which is a structured programme used nationally in many primary schools.

The scheme follows the liturgical year of the Church, where the central theme is the Christian belief in Jesus Christ as the word and revelation of God. Each term basic themes are explored within the Catholic faith tradition, which is complemented by the religious traditions in our homes and parishes. The different themes of the scheme are studied by the whole school over a short period which provides continuity and progression. These programmes provide opportunities for celebration, prayer and reflection through assemblies, Masses and prayer services.

The religious life of the school enables children to explore and experience a deepening of their faith and an awareness of the needs of the world today. Throughout Advent and Lent the children are encouraged to contribute in various ways to charitable causes.

Children may be withdrawn from Collective Worship and R.E lessons on the grounds of religious belief. However, the governors are anxious that there should be minimal disruption to the school curriculum. If parents have any cause for concern in such matters, it is essential that they are discussed with the Headteacher before the child is admitted to the school.



Our school is within the Parish of The Nativity of the Lord, comprising the churches of St Joseph's- Redhill, Holy Family – Reigate, and St Teresa of the Child Jesus – Merstham. Our parish priest Fr Tony is a regular visitor to the school and not only supports the children, but checks on and supports staff wellbeing as well. We are extremely privileged to have such an involved parish priest and we are very grateful to him.

## Teaching and Learning

At St Joseph's School we aim to provide a curriculum that is exciting, challenging and motivating and which is underpinned by our Catholic ethos.

The national curriculum provides an outline of core knowledge and skills around which teachers can develop exciting and stimulating lessons to promote the development of pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills, giving them the tools to fulfil their potential.

The national curriculum is just one element in the education of every child. There is time and space in our school life to explore beyond the national curriculum specifications. Our teachers provide a broad and balanced educational program which also aims to develop pupils' confidence and responsibility and make the most of their abilities, preparing pupils to play an active role as good citizens. Emphasis is placed on developing a healthy lifestyle, encouraging good relationships, promoting tolerance and respect for the differences between people.



## School Performance

St Joseph's School was rated a 'Good' school in our last **Ofsted Inspection** across all areas.

*"The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. You know your school well."*

*"Pupils are proud to be a part of the school."*

*"Pupils behave well in and around school. The caring ethos of the school, modelled by staff and pupils alike, ensures that pupils feel valued and supported."*

*Ofsted 2017*

All voluntary aided schools must receive a **Section 48 Inspection** which evaluates the school's provision for worship and religious education. This inspection is different from the Ofsted inspection, which is about the secular work of the school. However, the two inspections complement each other in the areas that they cover. Section 48 inspections cover the school's Catholic life and worship and its provision, work and achievements in the field of religious education.

St Joseph's was rated a 'Good' school in our latest Section 48 Inspection, which took place in June 2017.

*"St Joseph's school is very welcoming and inclusive. It celebrates the cultural diversity of the school and ensures that all pupils are included in its rich and vibrant Catholic life."*

*"A pupil commented, 'Everyone in the world is part of God's family.'"*

*"Pupils clearly enjoy religious education lessons. During the lessons observed as part of this inspection they were attentive, responsive and worked well. They were eager to contribute thoughtful ideas and responses."*

*Section 48 2017*

## National Test Results 2019

	St Joseph's Primary School KS2			National
Subjects	2017	2018	2019	2019
Reading	<b>76%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>73%</b>
Writing	<b>55%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>78%</b>
GPS	<b>72%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>78%</b>
Maths	<b>70%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>79%</b>
Combined (R, W & M)	<b>48%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>65%</b>

	St Joseph's Primary School KS1			National
Subjects	2017	2018	2019	2019
Reading	<b>67%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>%</b>
Writing	<b>60%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>%</b>
Maths	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>%</b>
Science				
Combined (R, W & M)	<b>53%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>%</b>

	St Joseph's Primary School - Phonics			National
Phonics	2017	2018	2019	2019
Year 1	<b>78%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>%</b>
Year 2	<b>%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>

	St Joseph's Primary School – Reception Good level of development (GLD)			National
GLD	2017	2018	2019	2019
	<b>70%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>%</b>



## Our School Day

The school day starts at 8:50am for all children. The school gates open at 8:40am to allow time for children to access their classroom and be ready at their desks and present for registration at 8:50am.

School finishes at 3:05pm for EYFS and KS1.

School finishes at 3:15pm for KS2.

### ***Parking***

We are very fortunate to have the use of the overflow car park in Donyngs Leisure Centre at our disposal for parking at drop off and pick up times. We encourage our parents to use this facility, and then walk their children safely into school.

### ***Breakfast & After School Club***

Energy Kidz is our provider of the out-of-school childcare for our school children, offering fun and affordable childcare, delivered in a safe and supervised environment. Qualified staff are DBS checked to an enhanced level, first aid qualified and are experienced in and passionate about the activities they offer. The clubs offer lots of free play and free choice activities. Staff encourage children to try something new, but understand that not every activity suits every child so an alternative is always available. A healthy breakfast and after school snack are provided.

### ***School Meals***

Our school meals are provided by Twelve15. We are fortunate that our school dinners are prepared freshly on the premises. The two-course meals provided are nutritionally balanced and there is a three week menu.

Children in EYFS and KS1 are entitled to a free meal each day under the Government's 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' Scheme, and a free piece of fruit/vegetable at breaktime.

For children in Years 3 to 6 the cost of a school meal is £2.45 per day.

Families in receipt of income support, tax credits or working tax credits and are eligible for free school meals can contact the school office for an application form. All information will be dealt with in confidence.

Children may bring in a packed lunch if preferred which, in keeping with our 'Healthy Schools' campaign, should be nutritionally balanced, and must not contain sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunches must be NUT FREE.







## Forest School

Forest School is an outdoor programme of activities delivered by our trained practitioner Mrs Stockwell, within a natural environment and whatever the weather! Our programme is tailored to meet the needs of the children as they grow in confidence, skills and understanding.

The ethos of Forest School allows learners the time and space to develop skills, interests and understanding through practical hands-on experiences. It also allows practitioners to step back and observe the children in order to then encourage and inspire them to achieve their potential, through careful scaffolding and facilitating.

We are very fortunate to have the perfect setting for our Forest School right here on our school grounds. The *Woodland Walk* is our outdoor classroom space complete with a wildlife pond. This exciting space feels quite different to the areas where the children usually play and learn. There are lots of birds and mini-beasts, as well as the great range of native trees. The area is fenced and we make sure at every session that the children are secure in their understanding of the boundaries and of our Forest School rules.



## Music

Music is integral in our daily school life, being woven into school and class assemblies, as well as being used as a learning tool in core curriculum lessons, from learning times tables during maths lessons, to learning about sentence construction using rhythm and phrasing. Our aim is to enable all children to enjoy music through the development of listening skills and musical appreciation.

### ***Music in the Community***

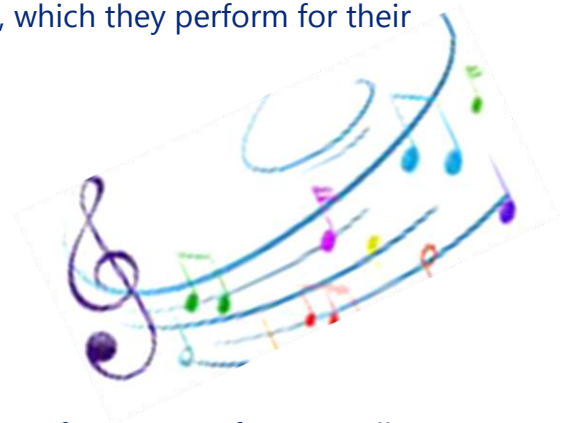
Our Year 3 children take part in the Dorking Halls Music Festival, Year 2 children take part in the Wray Common Music Festival and our Key Stage 2 musicians take part in the Royal Alexandra & Albert School Orchestra Day each year.

Our school choir are always delighted to perform for the SVP Christmas Tea.

### ***School Nativities and Christmas Carol Service***

Each year the children from each of the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Year groups delight us with their rendition of the Christmas Nativity, which they perform for their families.

The Key Stage 2 children come together in December to form a magnificent choir which, along with narrators, dancers and actors, tell their Christmas story to our families at St Joseph's Church.



### ***School Production***

Our Year 5 & 6 School Production have previously seen superb performances of many well know productions such as *The Lion King*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat*, *Aladdin* and *Annie* to name just a few.

This year the children will take part in the *Young Voices* concert in the O2 and we are very much looking forward to showtime!



## Music Lessons

We are very lucky at St Joseph's to be able to offer a variety of musical instrument lessons during the school day.

### ***Strings:***

Miss Karen Hoy teaches **Violin and Viola** through the Surrey Arts Music Lessons Scheme on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

Mrs Yvette Maddon teaches **Cello** through the Surrey Arts Music Lessons Scheme on Mondays at St Joseph's. Mrs Maddon also heads the Reigate Strings Orchestra which rehearses on Thursdays after school, which is a fantastic opportunity to join an orchestra.

Mr John Mann has taught **Guitar** at St Joseph's for many years. Mr Mann teaches guitar lessons on Tuesday afternoons.

### ***Woodwind:***

Mrs Jane Patrick offers individual lessons on the **Clarinet, Saxophone and Recorder** during the afternoon on Wednesdays. Mrs Patrick is a very experienced teacher and has been teaching in several other schools in the Reigate and Redhill area for a number of years.

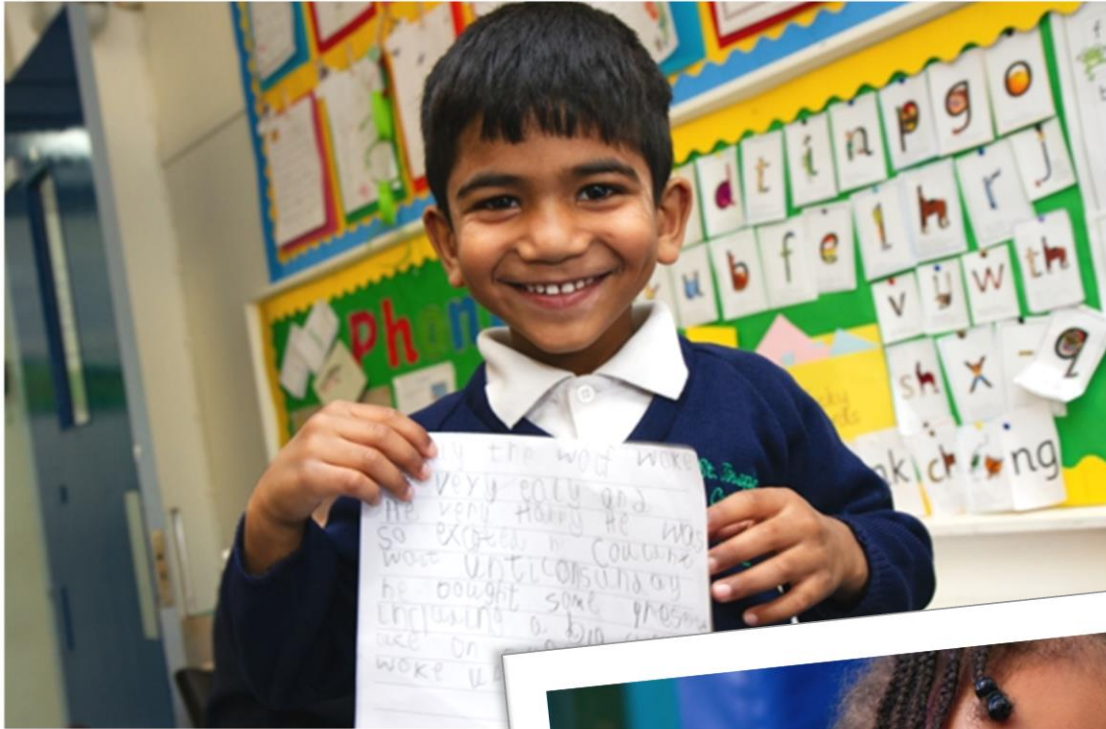
### ***Piano:***

Mrs Sonia Dembinska teaches **Piano** at St Joseph's on Fridays. A very accomplished pianist, Mrs Dembinska also runs the Reigate Grammar School Saturday Music College, which is open to all enthusiastic musicians aged 7-18.

### ***Voice:***

Mrs Diana Barnsley is well known to us as she was previously a class teacher at St Joseph's, and now offers individual or group **Singing** lessons on Thursdays.





## Sport

Sport is highly valued at St Joseph's which the children experience through an annual programme of PE, led by Miss Dogansoy & Mr Kavanagh. We believe that physical education, experienced in a safe and supportive environment, is a unique and vital contributor to a pupil's physical and mental development and well-being.

A broad and balanced physical education curriculum is intended to provide for pupils' increasing self-confidence in their ability to manage themselves and their bodies and within a variety of disciplines.

Pupils are encouraged to appreciate the importance of a healthy and fit body and mind, and to begin to understand those factors that affect health and fitness. This is in line with the school's policies for EPR, Science and Physical Activity.

The development of confidence, tolerance and the appreciation of one's own and others' strengths and weaknesses are an essential part of our teaching.

The school is fortunate to have two multi-purpose halls and extensive outdoor facilities including grass areas, an all-weather pitch, as well as a netball court and hard playing surfaces.

Children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to learn to swim at the pool in Donyngs Leisure Centre as part of the PE curriculum.

### ***Clubs***

St Joseph's offers a range of sporting (and other) activities. These clubs take place during lunch hour or after school.

The clubs vary according to the term, and include sport, music and drama opportunities.

Please see our [Clubs List](#) as an example of clubs on offer at St Joseph's School.





## Primary Leadership Team

The Primary Leadership Team (PLT) is made up of elected representative from each class from Year 2 to Year 6. The team meet regularly at the PLT meetings led by Mrs Brown. The children bring ideas and suggestions to develop our school community from their classes, and these are discussed within the PLT. Feedback is given to the classes by their representatives and ideas are then shared with staff at their meetings.

The agenda is focused on encouraging pupil's voice and views on important school issues, such as the environment and encouraging healthy lifestyles, as well as looking at ways in which they can make our school an even better place.

They are keen to talk to their peers in their classrooms and assemblies, and we are proud of the contribution they make to the community of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.





## Uniform

School uniform contributes to a child's sense of belonging and signifies pride in our school. We have a simple school uniform of navy, grey, white and emerald green.

EYFS	Girls	Boys
Winter	White St Joseph's polo shirt. Navy school skirt / school pinafore / St Joseph's navy trousers. St Joseph's navy-blue jumper. Navy socks or tights. Black school shoes.	White St Joseph's polo shirt. Grey school trousers. St Joseph's navy-blue jumper. Grey socks. Black school shoes.
Summer	Green and white checked school dress. White socks. Black school shoes.	White St Joseph's polo shirt. Grey shorts. Grey socks. Black school shoes.
KS1	Girls	Boys
Winter	White school shirt. Navy/emerald St Joseph's tie. Navy school skirt / school pinafore / St Joseph's navy trousers. St Joseph's navy-blue jumper. Navy socks or tights. Black school shoes.	White school shirt. Navy/emerald St Joseph's tie. Grey school trousers. St Joseph's navy-blue jumper. Grey socks. Black school shoes.
Summer	Green and white checked school dress. White socks. Black school shoes.	White school short sleeve shirt. Navy/emerald St Joseph's tie. Grey shorts. Grey socks. Black school shoes.
KS2	Girls	Boys
Winter	White school shirt. Navy/emerald St Joseph's tie. Navy school skirt. St Joseph's navy-blue jumper. Navy socks or tights. Black school shoes.	White school shirt. Navy/emerald St Joseph's tie. Grey school trousers. St Joseph's navy-blue jumper. Grey socks. Black school shoes.
Summer	Green and white checked school dress. White socks. Black school shoes.	White school short sleeve shirt. Navy/emerald St Joseph's tie. Grey shorts. Grey socks. Black school shoes.
	PE Kit	Bags & Sundries
	St Joseph's Drawstring PE bag. St Joseph's house coloured polo shirt. Navy shorts or jogging bottoms. White socks EYFS & KS1: Black plimsolls. KS2: Trainers.	EYFS & KS1: St Joseph's book bag. KS2: St Joseph's large rucksack. St Joseph's sun hat

## St Joseph's Association

The St. Joseph's Association (SJA) is the school's parent's association, which is run as a charity. Each year, with the help of the school and local community, we raise money to fund new equipment, resources, school trips all of which helps to enrich our children's time at school. Without this additional financial support much of this would not be possible.

As a parent/guardian at St Joseph's School you are automatically a member of the SJA and we very much encourage everyone to get involved.

Each class has one or two parents who act as a class rep. Their job is to pass on information from the SJA to other parents in their child's class.

The SJA is not simply about fundraising. Aside from being a great way for parents to get to know each other, it is a fantastic way to get involved in school life.

Much of our work helps to bridge the gap between home and school through our social events, and we firmly believe that a stronger parent community contributes to our children having a more supportive, welcoming and enjoyable environment to learn in.

The Association officially meets once a term to to discuss what events we would like to run and to consider requests from the school for funding.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings - the more the merrier!



## St Joseph's School Creed



This is our school.

Let peace dwell here.

Let the school be full of contentment.

Let love abide here:

Love of our school,

Love of one another,

Love of mankind,

Love of life itself,

And love of Jesus.

Let us remember

That as many hands built our school,

So many hearts make our school.

**Amen**

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